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Thomas Link House  
Walkersville

Circa 1810

The Thomas Link House, a two and a half story Flemish bond and common bond laid brick ell shaped structure, is three bays wide on its principal facade. A panelled wooden door occupies the second bay, the remaining bays all occupied by replaced 2/2 windows. Original 6/6 windows are found on the east side of the structure. A three bay entrance porch spans the facade of the structure and continues around, spanning the east side as well. It is supported by plain wooden columns with decorative brackets and covered, like the structure itself, by a standing seam tin roof. The structure is laid in Flemish bond brick on the facade and common bond brick on the remainder of the structure. A brick water table spans the facade.

The significance of the Thomas Link Farm lies in its association with a number of prominent Frederick County residents and architecturally with the uncoursed stone bank barn situated on the property, one of the finest in Frederick County.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Thomas Link House and Barn

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

South Side Stauffer Road

CITY, TOWN

Walkersville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 6 M58/P67

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. George C. Stauffer

Telephone #: 898-7622

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 1, Box 119A

CITY, TOWN

Walkersville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21793

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 775

Folio #: 98

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Thomas Link House, a two and a half story Flemish and common bond laid brick ell shaped structure, is situated on the south side of Stauffer Road facing south.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance occupying the second bay, consists of a panelled wooden door set in a recessed doorway. The door is crowned by a single wooden lintel. Occupying the remaining bays are replaced 2/2 windows.

Spanning the principal facade is found a three bay entrance porch which spans the east side of the structure as well. The porch is supported by plain columns with decorative brackets and covered by a standing seam tin roof.

The east side of the house is three bays wide. Occupying the three bays of the second floor are original 6/6 windows. Original 6/6 windows and an entrance are found on the first floor.

The structure is constructed of brick laid in Flemish style on the facade, and common bond on the sides. A brick water table spans the facade of the structure. A standing seam tin roof covers the structure which rests on a stone rubble foundation. Three chimneys rise from the structure, two original chimneys rise from the east and west roof ends, and one from the rear second story addition.

One of the most distinctive features of the surrounding farm on the Thomas Link House is the stone bank barn. The barn is constructed totally of uncoursed fieldstone and covered by a standing seam tin roof. Air vents are found on the north and south ends of the structure. Two original 6/6 windows are found at the base of the structure on the southern elevation.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1810

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Link - House and Barn

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thomas Link House and Farm consisting of a two and a half story ell shaped structure with surrounding outbuildings and distinctive stone bank barn, was built circa 1810 by Thomas Link. The land was held by Thomas Link from 1806 to 1836 when it was purchased by John Stauffer.<sup>1</sup> A member of the Stauffer family possesses the farm today after a series of owners through the ensuing years.

John Stauffer sold the farm in 1838 and thereby followed a number of owners until the obtainment of the farm by George W. Stauffer, a descendant of the first John Stauffer, in 1878. George W. Stauffer descended from a family of local farmers in the Walkersville area. A prominent merchant who later became a successful insurance broker under the firm of Devilbiss and Urner, George W. Stauffer retained the property throughout his lifetime and it has remained in the Stauffer family with the exception of a twenty year span.<sup>2</sup>

The significance of the Thomas Link House and Farm lies in its association with a prominent citizen of the Walkersville area and with the architectural significance of the stone bank barn located on the property. The barn stands as one of the most distinctive barns in the county.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber HS 5; Folio 168.

<sup>2</sup>T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland (1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967), p. 1205.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438





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Thomas Link Hse.

Southeast elevation

5/3 of Stauffer Rd.

facing north

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Thomas L Erik Hse.  
Southeast eleva.  
Stone lawn  
513 Stauffer Rd.  
DES 8/10/49